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BY-LAWS OF TAU BETA PI

KANSAS GAMMA CHAPTER

By-Law I: Quorum

Section 1. One-half the members of the executive council shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the council.

Section 2. One-half of active student members shall constitute a quorum at regular meetings.

Section 3. A) A quorum must be present at any meeting at which a vote is taken committing the organization to any proposal. Without a quorum, meetings may be held at which members are inducted, proposals are submitted to the Society, matters of interest to the organization are discussed, or programs are formulated, but there shall be no formal voting on such matters.

B) Voting may be completed by mail or telephone on matters of interest brought up at meeting without quorum.

Section 4. The quorum for purposes of constitutional amendments, election of membership, elections, changing of initiation fees or chapter dues, passing assessments of student members, and disciplinary action shall consist of three quarters of the active student membership.

By-Law II: Order of Business

The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

1. Roll call
2. Reading of minutes
3. Reports of officers, committees, etc.
4. Unfinished business
5. New business
6. Adjournment

By-Law III: Procedure

Section 1. All undergraduate members shall have equal voting power. The alumni members shall have no vote.

Section 2. If questions concerning parliamentary procedure arise, Robert's "Rules of Order Revised" shall govern in all points not specifically covered in the constitution and by-laws of this organization.

By-Law IV: Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the president to act as a responsible agent and leader of this chapter. He shall preside at all meetings and appoint all committees (subject to approval by a majority vote of the active body). He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie in all things except elections. He shall see to it that the other officers of the chapter perform their duties in accordance with the by-laws of the chapter.

Section 2. The vice president shall act in the capacity of any officer who is not present at the meeting. He shall act as parliamentarian at all meetings. He shall be a member of all committees.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep the roll and minutes of the regular meetings completely typewritten, up-to-date, and in a suitable folder.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to carry on such correspondence of the Society as the President or any other officer or as the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association may direct.

Section 5. The treasurer shall be in charge of all funds and bills of this Society as directed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. He shall maintain a bank account in the name of the Society.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Cataloger to keep an up-to-date record of all active and alumnus members, including full name, home address, and the college address. He shall also keep a record of the officers of the Chapter, including the Advisory Council.

Section 7. The advisory council shall have the power to formulate any necessary policies, such as the preparation of a budget, for presentation to the membership of this Society.

Section 8. The Advisory Council shall act as an advisory and judicial committee to determine the advisability of any action taken or proposed by the Society, brought before it by the petition of a minority of the Society, referred to it by a vote of the same, or considered on its own initiative. All changes in the By-laws must be submitted to, and approved by, the Advisory Council before going into effect. By a majority vote, the Advisory Council may forbid any such action or change, subject to an appeal to the Executive Council.

Section 9. The Advisory Council members shall serve for terms of four years, elected by a majority of the quorum. Council terms shall be staggered, such that new members be

elected each spring. The Faculty Advisor shall be selected in the year which are multiples of (4) and Council members elected during the following years. Advisory Council members and Advisor may serve for more than one term.

By-Law V: Committees

Section 1. A) The society shall have standing committees on membership-initiation, activities, and such other committees as the President shall desire to establish.

B) The President shall provide written lists of specific duties and responsibilities to the committee chairmen.

Section 2. A) The committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President and subject to the approval of the Chapter.

B) The committee members shall then be appointed by the chairmen and the President.

By-Law VI: Eligibility

Section 1. The eligibility of the prospective members to the organization shall be determined from a class rank listing of all engineering students. This listing shall be an official semester copy received from the Dean of Engineering. The lists shall consist of sophomore, junior, senior, summer, Coop-student in school or intersession and graduate classes. Only students majoring in recognized engineering disciplines will be considered for membership; engineering technologists and construction science majors are ineligible.

Section 2. Eligibility requirements

A) Junior class

- i. upper 1/8 of students considered to be in junior class by credit hour requirement given below.
- ii. minimum of (60) credit hours completed.
- iii. minimum of (55) graded credit hours.
- iv. minimum of (30) credit hours taken at this university.
- v. minimum of (25) graded credit hours at this university.
- vi. completion of sophomore level engineering courses, such as Engineering Physics II or an equivalent course.

B) Senior class

(Senior class, continued)

- i. upper 1/5 of students considered to be in senior class by credit hour requirements given below.
- ii. minimum of (90) credit hours completed.
- iii. minimum of (82) graded credit hours.
- iv. minimum of (30) credit hours taken at this university.
- v. minimum of (25) graded credit hours at this university.
- vi. completion of all sophomore level courses required in specific major.
- vii. completion of at least two junior level required engineering courses.

By-Law VII: Election Procedure

Section 1. A semi-annual smoker shall take place to inform prospective initiates about Tau Beta Pi, to allow active members to become acquainted with prospective initiates, to carry out an election of new members and to hold a regular meeting.

Section 2. A unanimous favorable vote by a quorum at the smoker constitutes the election of a prospective initiate.

Section 3. A single negative vote vetoes the election of a prospective initiate subject to a review by the Executive Council.

Section 4. A unanimous favorable vote by the Executive Council overrules a veto by the quorum for cases being reviewed. The prospective member can thus be elected after a veto.

By-Law VIII: Initiation Requirements

Section 1. All prospective initiates* shall attend and actively participate in the semi-annual smoker.

Section 2. All prospective initiates* shall attend and actively participate in the initiation project specified by the Executive Council.

Section 3. All prospective initiates shall complete a signature booklet. Signature booklet must be turned in at least (48) hours prior to the initiation ceremony.

Section 4. All prospective initiates not meeting initiation requirements shall be exempt from the initiation ceremony. If their eligibility is maintained until the next election period, they may again be considered for election.

*all exceptions must be reviewed and approved by executive council prior to date of event.